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Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—" Would it not be better if the hon. the Revenue Member himself takes the necessary action? I think one department may certainly make a suggestion to another department."

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" I think it is not necessary as the subject relates to the Agricultural department."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—" Arising from the answer given by the hon. Member, may I know whether there is any Minister for Development in this Province? "

(No answer.)

Rate of water-charge in the districts of Kistna and Godavari for dry inam and Government lands.

* 38 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the rates at which irrigation of dry inam and Government lands with the help of Government water is charged respectively, in the resettled areas of Kistna and Godavari districts, and if the rates differ, why?

A.—The rates of water-cess are embodied in Appendix I-B, Part I to Board's Standing Order No. 4, paragraph 2, as amended by correction slip No. 9, dated 19th August 1932. The charges made for the irrigation of Government dry land are the same as those made for the irrigation of inam dry land, except in the following respect:—

The charge for a second wet crop raised on Government dry lands in the delta tracts is half the charge for a first wet crop, whereas the charge for a second wet crop raised on zamindari and inam lands, lanka and padugai lands, and Government dry lands in the upland villages irrigated with water of the Kistna or Godavari is the same as for the first wet crop. This follows the practice which has been in vogue for a long time.

Mr. P. PEDDI RAJU:—" Considering the increased rate of water-cess imposed recently, will the Government consider the desirability of reducing the rates? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" No, Sir."

Mr. P. PEDDI RAJU:—" Are the Government aware that in the zamindari lands also the rates are as high as Government assessment, with the result that the zamindari ryots suffer by having to pay double the rate the Government charge? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" I am not aware what the rates of assessment in the zamindari land are."

Mr. P. PEDDI RAJU:—" The rates in the zamindari lands are much more than the Government assessment. The Government ought to know that the zamindari rates are very high and that the tenants consequently suffer very much."

(No reply.)